

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Currently amended) A method for atomizing a liquid medium ~~using a device as claimed in claim 1, the method comprising:~~

wherein supplying the liquid medium ~~is supplied to~~ ~~[[the]]~~ an internal volume of ~~the device~~ a nozzle body under pressure, wherein the nozzle body is put on ground potential, and

applying a ~~[[high]]~~ pulsed voltage ~~is applied to the high-voltage~~ an electrode, said ~~[[high]]~~ pulsed voltage bringing about an electrostatic charging of the liquid medium in a magnitude that results in ~~[[the]]~~ bursting of ~~[[the]]~~ drops discharged from ~~[[the]]~~ a nozzle opening(s) opening due to the electrostatic charge.

2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein a pulsed high voltage with variable~~ varying a duty cycle ~~and/or variable high~~ of the pulsed voltage ~~[[is]]~~ applied to the ~~high-voltage~~ electrode, whereby the atomization quality is influenced by changing the duty cycle of the ~~[[high]]~~ pulsed voltage.

3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the duty cycle is increased with a reduction of the pressure of the liquid medium, and the duty cycle is reduced when the pressure of the liquid medium is increased.

4. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the liquid medium comprises ~~for atomizing~~ liquid fuel in ~~[[the]]~~ a combustor of a gas turbine, wherein during ~~[[the]]~~ start-up or partial load operation of the gas turbine, a higher duty cycle is set than during full load operation of the gas turbine.

5. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid medium comprises ~~for atomizing~~ liquid fuel in ~~[[the]]~~ a combustor of a gas turbine,

wherein the atomization quality during **[[the]]** partial load operation of the gas turbine is influenced by changing the **[[high]]** magnitude of the pulsed voltage applied to the electrode.